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Applicant; Debra A. Elkins et al.

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Title: QUANTITATIVE PROPERTY LOSS RISK MODEL AND

DECISION ANALYSIS FRAMEWORK

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Commissioner for Patents

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed <u>July 3, 2008</u>, and prior to examination of the present application, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a two month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Applicant has included a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal with this response authorizing the use of Deposit Account 07-0960 for such extension of time.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.